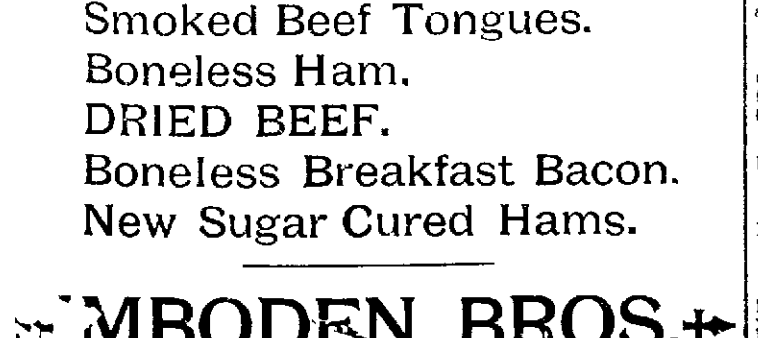


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INTERESTING THINGS FOUND IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Curious Formations of Ice—Natural Bridges Are Found in Many Rivers—A Shattered Indian Tradition—Chasms Six Miles Long, Deep Gorges.

There are a few very curious things about British Columbia rivers. Everybody knows that they flow in the wrong direction when they are young. For instance, the Peace and Liard rivers in going to the Arctic ocean, in defiance of the Rocky mountains and the laws of nature, while the Columbia, Fraser and Kootenay only consent to travel seaward after going in the opposite direction some hundreds of miles. But they also have very peculiar ways of making ice, quite opposite to that laid down in the text books.

In the Skeena I have observed the ice in autumn to form on the river bed among the boulders in globules, like a mass of fish spawn, this often growing until the reef actually reaches the surface, but more often it breaks away in large pieces and floats off down stream, beating pelbies and even boulders for miles.

There are many natural bridges on our rivers also. In the Kicking Horse, three miles below Field station, there is a rock bridge in a slate formation which is inclined so as to present sharp edges—very unpleasant to walk upon. Every observant passenger on the Canadian Pacific railway has noticed the snow bridge on the Illecillewaet, but there are records of ice bridges also. I think I have heard of one on the Homathco river, but of the Skeena a marvelous story is told. There is a great glacier descending out of the high snowfield to the north, and this in ancient times flowed right across the valley, meeting a lesser ice stream from the heights opposite. The Skeena river, under the ice in a tunnel, and at very low water the passage was too small for it, although the water must have been banked up into a lake at the spring freshet.

A SHATTERED TRADITION.

Now, the Skeena Indians of the upper valley used to regard this tunnel in the ice as leading to the "sweet by and by." They were therefore very anxious to avoid the place. But once the tribe was encamped not far above the glacier, and there was a very old man and his wife with them who were too mean to be because of the expense of giving a funeral feast. They were very rich and of no use, and had large appetites, and their relatives at last consented to part with them. They were therefore set adrift in a leaky canoe and consigned to the current, and all the people, conscious of self sacrifice, stood on the bank and watched the canoe vanish into the tunnel, and felt good. Now the old people were very frightened and squealed a good deal, but when the blue shadows of the ice closed over them they thought they were dead Indians, and behaved accordingly. Presently the old lady thought it was getting light, and became curious and looked about her. Then she asked an old man and asked if he had seen the canoe. He said he had not, but he had seen the canoe in the open again, the glacier behind them, and the world pretty much as usual. They got ashore, cut paddles and poles, and prepared to go home again. The old man began to be hungry for the grease boxes the old lady had, and he heartily ate and drank, and they both determined to get home for the banquet, which he had assisted at the funeral. Well, by dint of making the old lady work, while he steered and gave good advice, they succeeded in making their way up through the tunnel and home, and were in ample time for the feast. In fact they had happily every afterward. But how shall we condole with the relatives, who were so sweet and most pious traditions had been shattered about the sweet by and by?

A DEEP GORGE.

Not least among the natural wonders of the coast is McKenzie pass, a little to the westward of Kinross. It is a chasm about six miles in length, leading to the base of an isolated and broken peak, 6,665 feet high. The walls are very close together, vertical and snow-crowned. The sun never shines in this awful gorge; the vapor from its waters hangs dark and bitter cold, unmoved by any wind, and no living creature enters its solitude. And but two records of this place having been visited by white men. Scarcely less wonderful is an inlet tributary to Dean's canal.

Some of the tide sluices are very dangerous, and many lives have been lost in them. A great puzzle they were to early explorers, who found entrance of sea water pouring into many of the inlets. They are explained by the existence behind them of large basins filled by the flood tide, the outlet being too small for its ready escape at the ebb. Some of these salt water cataracts are as much as twenty feet high. There is a miniature example of this gorge, near the Skeena. On the Yukon river the upper waters are rendered quite clear by the deposit of all their silt in a chain of lakes, but lower down a stream called White river enters from the south, so charged with glacier mud that the Yukon from thence to the sea is too dirty for even the best of a cupful to be distinguished. Graylings rise readily to the fly above, but fishing without nets is possible below. Moreover, where the great river crosses the Arctic circle the tributaries from the mountains are like rivers of tea, so deep is the stain of vegetable matter from the moss swamps of the far south.

Money Through the Mail.  
Some ingenious fellow sent a \$10 note fastened to a large tag properly addressed, signed and stamped, to some correspondent. It was so odd a nuisance as to attract attention all along the line and even to raise the question whether it was mailable or not. We kept an eye on it to its destination and it was properly delivered.

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## What It Costs.

There are some intellectual employments which require a very small stock in trade. A mathematician, for instance, may pursue his investigations, even into the higher branches of pure science, with very few books. But if a man be more than ordinarily interested in the great problems of history and all that they involve and have an irresponsible hankering to know what is being discussed in his favorite subjects, he must keep himself in touch with the thought and discoveries of others. If he be a dweller in a great city he has clubs and libraries, newspapers and periodicals, books and maps, almost at his elbow, to say nothing of the living men whom he may consult with at any hour.

But if he be a dweller in the wilderness, he must count the cost of having literary tastes, and that cost he will have to pay in coin of the realm. I hold it to be simply impossible for a very needy man to keep pace with the historical research of our time if he be cut in a country village. Any man who has lost his heart to the muse of history—even though he can in no sense claim to be a historian—is a man with tastes, and such a man's "pens, ink and paper" must needs come to a great deal in the course of the year. Such a man may be considered a fortunate one who can pay the reckoning by the profits of his own good will.

THE TIMES.

Leo XIII. in the 23rd pope, a fact seldom thought of when the great pontiff's name is mentioned. Of the total 233 successors of St. Peter, 15 have been Frenchmen, 13 have been Greeks, 5 have been Syrians, 6 have claimed Germany as their birthplace, 5 have hailed from Spain, 2 were from Africa, 2 from Savoy, which was also the number sent by England, Sweden, Dalmatia, Holland, Portugal and Crete. Italy caps the climax with a total of 112, 122 having been elected pope.

Eight of the number did not live a month after succession; 40 lived less than a year, and 22 more died when they had been less than two years on the pontifical throne; 54 between four and five years; 67 when they had reigned less than ten years; 51 between ten and fifteen years; the fifteenth year, and 15 died after reigning between 15 and 20 years. Only 9 lived over 20 years after their elevation to the "Chair of St. Peter." Pius IX. who died during the early part of 1878, reigned longer than any of his predecessors, his pontifical life extending over a period of 31 years.—St. Louis Dispatch.

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For further information regarding excursions, railroads and steamships, ask your ticket agent, or apply in person or by letter to Geo. Lowder, traveling agent, "Frisco Line," No. 252 North Water street, Decatur, Illinois.

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For the return of the train, it will leave Chicago at 7:30 p. m. and arrive at Terre Haute at 10:15 p. m. It will then proceed to Decatur, leaving at 10:45 p. m. and arriving at Decatur at 11:15 p. m.

For tickets and rates, apply to Geo. Lowder, traveling agent, "Frisco Line," No. 252 North Water street, Decatur, Illinois.

Reunion Rates.

For the Reunion of the Union and the Great, at Vicksburg, Miss., May 19 to 25, 1900, the I. C. R. R. will sell Union Tickets from Decatur to Vicksburg, at a rate of one way first-class fare for the round trip.

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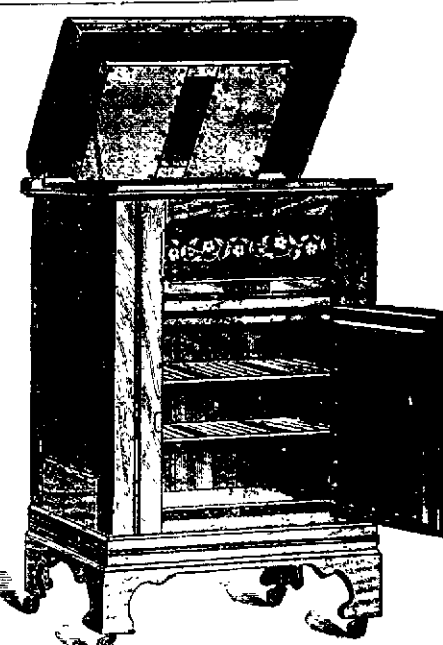
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